



# Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs

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ACIA's MONTHLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STATE GOVERNMENT AND ARIZONA INDIAN COUNTRY



## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Indian Town Hall

July 14, 15, & 16 in Carefree, AZ

*sponsored by First Nations Development Institute*

ACIA is pleased to announce that former Colorado Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell will be the keynote speaker at the 28th Arizona Indian Town Hall Presented by First Nations Development Institute. The former Senator will speak during dinner on July 16th!

Campbell served in the Senate from 1993-2005. When elected, he was the first Native American to serve in the Senate in 60 years and is a member of the Northern Cheyenne

Tribe.

Other speakers at this year's Arizona Indian Town Hall include San Carlos Apache Chairman Wendsler Nosie Sr., Founder & CEO NATAWA David Smoot, Tribal Energy Coordinator at the Arizona Dept. of Commerce Debby Tewa, and Tohono O'Odham Tribal Council Chairman Verlon Jose.

This year's topic is Protecting Arizona's Natural Resources: Land and Water. We also have a pre-session on Sunday Afternoon the 13th presented by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board.

For more information and to register please visit the ACIA website at [www.azcia.gov](http://www.azcia.gov) To attend the dinner with Senator Nighthorse Campbell, please contact Lorie Wells at 602-542-3123. The cost for the Dinner only is \$50.

## Arizona Tribal Libraries Receive National Grant Awards

On June 10, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded Native American tribes across the United States \$1.22 million dollars to improve and sustain their library services. The grant monies will be distributed among 209 tribes, and will bolster library services offered by Native American tribal communities and Alaskan Native villages

This year, 34 applicants were awarded \$5,000 basic grants, totaling \$170,000. These grants are intended to support existing library operations and maintain core library services. Basic grants with the additional education/assessment option - worth \$6,000 each - were awarded to 167 applicants, representing 175 tribes, for a total of \$1,050,000. In Arizona the following tribes received this grant: the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, the Hopi Tribe, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe, the Cocopah Tribe, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe. The education/assessment option supports the hiring and training of library staff, consultations from outside professionals for on-site library assessments, and allows librarians to take continuing education courses, travel to give presentations, and attend conferences. No cost sharing is required for either of these grant categories.

"As repositories of history, as well as places to learn and interact, libraries play an important role in all communities," said Anne-Imelda M. Radice, Ph.D., Director of IMLS. "The Native American Library Services Grants offer libraries in Native American and Alaskan communities the opportunity to strengthen essential library services and develop new programs. The education/assessment option ensures that library staff is trained to assist patrons and preserve their past for future generations."

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## Institute of American Indian Arts Names New Museum Director

Santa Fe, NM - The Institute of American Indian Arts is pleased to announce the appointment of Patsy Phillips as Director of the Institute of American Indian Arts Museum. She will begin her position on August 11, 2008. "She brings a wealth of both professional experience and personal attributes to fill the critical vacancy of IAIA Museum Director," Jim Santini, member of the IAIA Board of Trustees and Chair of the Museum Committee notes. "She will be a long-term asset to both the Institute and Museum."

Dr. Robert G. Martin (Cherokee), President of the Institute of American Indian Arts, said he is "...extremely pleased that we have selected someone with Patsy Phillips' credentials, vision, experience and skills to lead the IAIA Museum. She values collaboration and will bring energy and enthusiasm in building on our museum's strong foundation as a center for important exhibitions and programs relative to contemporary Native American art." Phillips was selected after an extensive national search, and joins IAIA after working at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in Washington, D.C for more than eight years.

A member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Phillips says, "I am thrilled to begin my new post as the Director for the IAIA Museum. I look forward to working with the smart and dedicated IAIA staff and students who are committed to the advancement of contemporary Native arts. I plan to find ways to work collaboratively with other organizations across the country so that together we can change the way contemporary Native art is understood and represented." She holds a Master of Arts degree in non-fiction writing from Johns Hopkins University, and a Graduate Certificate in Museum Administration from Harvard University.

### Spotlight on Tribal Liaisons: Carol Chicharello, Tribal Relations Liaison, AHCCCS

Carol Chicharello has been employed with Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) since February 2006; she serves as a resource and advocate on health care topics pertinent to tribes in Arizona. Carol has over seven years of experience in the field of health care. Prior to her appointment at AHCCCS, Ms. Chicharello was employed by the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc (ITCA). At ITCA, she coordinated the local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and the Senior Medicare Patrol Project under the Area Agency on Aging. Carol worked with the tribes, Indian Health Service, Social Security Administration, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Veterans Affairs, AHCCCS, and other agencies to provide outreach and assistance to community members in the areas of health and long term care insurance. Ms. Chicharello holds experience in the private sector from her employment at Hayden Family Medical Center, a general family practice in Scottsdale, Arizona. Carol received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Arizona State University. In working with patients, caregivers, health care providers, pharmacies, insurance companies, and other organizations, Carol understands much of the issues surrounding public and private health care for American Indians. Ms. Chicharello greatly enjoys working with tribes and working toward increased accessibility to comprehensive, quality health care for American Indians/Alaska Natives.



## Save the Date Announcements

*Tribal Implementation Planning Summit* on July 29th-July 31st, 2008. Hosted by the Center for American Indian Economic Development (CAIED). Email [Gwen.Cody@nau.edu](mailto:Gwen.Cody@nau.edu) to register

*5<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Alzheimer's Conference* on September 12, 2008. Hosted by Banner Health. Contact: [Rose-Ann.Barton@bannerhealth.com](mailto:Rose-Ann.Barton@bannerhealth.com)

*Governor's Rural and Regional Development Conference* on September 24-26, 2008. Hosted by the Arizona Department of Commerce and the Arizona Association for Economic Development. Info TBA

*Wilma Mankiller*, former principal chief of the Cherokee Nation and internationally known Native rights activist, will deliver the second Simon Ortiz and Labriola Center lecture on Indigenous Land, Culture and Community at the Heard Museum on Thursday, October 2, 2008. The topic is "Challenges Facing 21st Century Indigenous People." For more information, visit [www.heard.org](http://www.heard.org)

*Indian Gaming Regulatory Act Conference* on October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by the Indian Legal Program at ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor's School of Law. <http://ilp.law.asu.edu/>

*3rd Annual Native American Fatherhood Conference* on October 27-30th, 2008. Hosted by Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA) [www.nativeamericanfathers.org](http://www.nativeamericanfathers.org)

*32nd Annual Pueblo Grande Museum Art Market* on December 13 & 14, 2008. Contact: [www.pgindianmarket.com](http://www.pgindianmarket.com)

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## TRIBAL AND STATE POLICE EARN FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY IN INDIAN COUNTRY

PHOENIX- More than 40 tribal police officers completed a three-day training course on Friday led by federal prosecutors at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Phoenix. Those who pass the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs exam that was given on Friday, June 27th will receive a special law enforcement certificate granting them federal law enforcement authority in Indian Country.

The training was the fourth time that the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Arizona have teamed up to give the training over the past year, with approximately 150 tribal and state police officers certified through the program. Officers from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Yavapai-Prescott Tribe, Camp Verde Yavapai-Apache Tribe, the Hualapai Tribe, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Ft. Mojave Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes and Tohono O'odham Nation, the Florence Police Department and officers from the Arizona Department of Public Safety have completed the course in the last year.

The Special Law Enforcement Certificate Card (SLEC) card empowers tribal and state police to make arrests on federal charges in Indian Country, including misdemeanor and felony violations of federal law. This increases the tools and protection available to officers to address areas as common as fire and dumping misdemeanor violations, to investigations and arrests for felonies such as drug trafficking, child sex abuse and murder.

U.S. Attorney Diane J. Humetewa said of the training program, "This training is a force multiplier, allowing tribal, and state police officers to increase the law enforcement efforts within Indian Country communities. I am grateful to BIA for working with the U.S. Attorney's Office and the tribal and state agencies to make this such a success."

The course includes intensive segments on Indian Country Jurisdiction, Indian Country Crimes (The Major Crimes Act), Federal Court Procedure, Civil Liability, Child Abuse and Child Abuse reporting, Central Violations Bureau, Juvenile Process and Procedure, Drug and Firearm Laws and investigation of gang activity, among other area

"To provide for the efficient, effective, and cooperative law enforcement efforts in Indian Country, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs provided their best resources to instruct law enforcement entities applying for federal authority issued by the BIA," said Special Agent in Charge of the Selanhongva McDonald. "I am grateful to the U.S. Attorney of Arizona for assisting the BIA in providing this valuable training to police officers. Without their assistance, we would have been placed on a waiting list. Now with their assistance, we have held four training sessions within the last year."

### SPECIAL!!!

**2007-2008 Arizona Tribal/Urban Indian**

**Community Resource Directory**

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